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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Willie Parker, 26, of Madison, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 30 months in federal prison for unlawful possession of a firearm. Parker pleaded guilty to this charge on November 22, 2006.

On August 25, 2006, Madison police officers executed a search warrant at Parker's residence at 2005 Leland Road in Madison. The officers found a .45 caliber pistol, a large amount of ammunition, marijuana, cocaine, and drug paraphernalia. Parker later admitted to police that he possessed the firearm and that he was a habitual user of marijuana. Federal law prohibits the possession of a firearm by unlawful users or persons addicted to controlled substances.

The charges against Parker were the result of an investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Madison Police Department. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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